- 1 AN ACT in relation to civil liabilities.
- 2 Be it enacted by the People of the State of Illinois,
- 3 represented in the General Assembly:
- 4 Section 1. Short title. This Act may be cited as the
- 5 Induced Birth Infant Liability Act.
- 6 Section 5. Findings and intent. The General Assembly finds that all children who are born alive are entitled to 7 8 equal protection under the law regardless of the circumstances surrounding the birth. Children who are born 9 alive as the result of an induced labor abortion or any other 10 abortion are in special need of protection due to the fact 11 that the intent of their birth is to cause the death of the 12 13 born child. Therefore, it is the intent of the General Assembly to protect a child who is born alive as the result 14 15 of an induced labor abortion or any other abortion and to 16 ensure that the child receives all medical care necessary to preserve and protect the life, health, and safety of the 17 18 child.
- 19 Section 10. Induced labor abortion; actions. If a child is born alive after an induced labor abortion or any other 20 21 abortion, a parent of the child or the public guardian of the county in which the child was born may maintain an action on 22 the child's behalf for damages, including all costs of care 23 to preserve and protect the life, health, and safety of the 24 child, punitive damages, costs of suit, and attorney's fees 25 26 against any hospital, health care facility, or health care provider who harms or neglects the child or fails to provide 27 28 medical care to the child after the child's birth. Any damages recovered shall be used to pay for the cost of 29 preserving and protecting the life, health, and safety of the 30

- 1 child. If the child does not survive, the balance remaining
- 2 after the costs of preserving and protecting the life,
- 3 health, and safety of the child are paid, shall be deposited
- 4 into the Neonatal Care and Perinatal Hospice Fund.
- 5 Section 20. Neonatal Care and Perinatal Hospice Fund.
- 6 The Neonatal Care and Perinatal Hospice Fund is created as a
- 7 special fund in the State treasury. Moneys deposited into the
- 8 Fund shall, subject to appropriation, be used by the
- 9 Department of Public Health to make grants for neonatal care
- 10 or perinatal hospice.
- 11 Section 90. The State Finance Act is amended by adding
- 12 Section 5.545 as follows:
- 13 (30 ILCS 105/5.545 new)
- 14 <u>Sec. 5.545. The Neonatal Care and Perinatal Hospice</u>
- 15 <u>Fund</u>.